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CLAIMS:

1. A process for manufacturing an article comprising a substrate and a translucent, semi-transparent or transparent overlay, the substrate having a contoured surface and the overlay being provided over at least a portion of said contoured surface, the process comprising the following steps:
 - (a) using a computer system to generate data corresponding to a three-dimensional image;
 - (b) using the generated data to control apparatus to form at least a portion of a mould for defining the contoured surface of the substrate;
 - (c) using said mould to form at least the contoured surface of the substrate; and
 - (d) providing the overlay over said at least a portion of the contoured surface.
2. A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein said substrate is formed by moulding, pressing or embossing.
3. A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein at least a portion of an outer surface of the overlay is substantially planar.
4. A process for manufacturing an article comprising a substrate and a transparent, semi-transparent or translucent overlay, the substrate having a contoured surface and the overlay being provided over at least a portion of said contoured surface, the process comprising the following steps:

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- (a) using a computer system to generate data corresponding to a three-dimensional image;
- (b) using the generated data to control apparatus to form the contoured surface; and
- 5 (c) providing the overlay over said at least a portion of the contoured surface such that at least a portion of an outer surface of the overlay is substantially planar.

5. A process as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4
10 wherein the overlay is initially a liquid medium and the process includes providing the liquid medium on the contoured surface.

6. A process as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4
15 wherein the overlay is initially a solid medium and the process includes providing the solid medium on the contoured surface and converting it to a liquid.

7. A process as claimed in claim 6 wherein the solid
20 medium is converted to a liquid by applying heat.

8. A process as claimed in any preceding claim further comprising the step of supplying data corresponding to a two dimensional image to the computer system and generating the
25 data corresponding to the three-dimensional image from said two dimensional image data.

9. A process as claimed in claim 8 wherein the two dimensional image data corresponds to a photographic image
30 or a picture.

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10. A process as claimed in claim 8 or 9 wherein the two dimensional image data supplied to the computer system corresponds to a colour photographic image or picture and the process further comprises the step of converting the two or three dimensional image data to monochrome greyscale image data.

11. A process as claimed in any preceding claim further comprising the step of coating the contoured surface with a reflective material.

10 12. A process as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the article is a tile.

15 13. A process as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the substrate is made of clay, ceramic, glass, metal, resin or plastic.

20 14. A process as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the overlay is a glaze, glass, resin, enamel or plastic.

15 25 16. A process as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the article is a bar of soap and at least one of the substrate and the overlay is made of soap.

30 17. A process as claimed in any preceding claim wherein said apparatus is a computer numerically controlled engraving or milling machine.

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18. A system to be operated in accordance with the process of any preceding claim to produce an article comprising a substrate and a translucent, semi-transparent or transparent overlay, the substrate having a contoured surface and the overlay overlying at least a portion of said contoured surface.

19. A bar of soap comprising a substrate and a translucent, semi-transparent or transparent overlay, the substrate having a contoured surface and the overlay being provided over at least a portion of said contoured surface.

20. A process for manufacturing an article comprising a substrate and a translucent, semi-transparent or transparent member, the member having a contoured surface and the substrate being provided over at least a portion of said contoured surface, the process comprising the following steps:

(a) using a computer system to generate data corresponding to a three-dimensional image;

(b) using the generated data to control apparatus to form at least a portion of a mould for defining the contoured surface of the member;

(c) using said mould to form at least the contoured surface of the member; and

(d) providing the substrate over said at least a portion of the contoured surface.

21. A process for manufacturing an article comprising a substrate and a transparent, semi-transparent or translucent member, the member having a contoured inner surface, the

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substrate being provided over at least a portion of said contoured surface, the process comprising the following steps:

5 (a) using a computer system to generate data corresponding to a three-dimensional image;

(b) using the generated data to control apparatus to form the contoured surface; and

(c) providing the substrate over said at least a portion of the contoured surface.

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22. A process as claimed in claim 20 or 21 wherein the substrate is a reflective or mirrored coating.

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23. A system to be operated in accordance with the process of any one of claims 21, 22 or 23 to produce an article comprising a substrate and a translucent, transparent or semi-transparent member, the member having a contoured surface and the substrate being provided over at least a portion of said contoured surface.

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24. An article whenever produced by a process as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 17, 20, 21 or 22.

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25. An article substantially as herein described and with reference to the accompanying Figures.